

LITCHFIELD COUNTY, CT

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
Farms			
Number	689	607	619
Acreage	90,538	86,581	95,321
Average size (acres)	131	143	154
Median size (acres)	53	N	N
Estimated market value average per farm			
Land/buildings (dollars)	699,749	713,957	559,710
Machinery/equip (dollars)	39,202	40,257	35,987
Cropland (acres)			
Total	44,773	47,781	47,665
Harvested	34,474	35,185	34,525
Irrigated	284	216	101
Agricultural products sold - market value			
(\$1,000)	27,461	30,086	28,332
(dollars avg. per farm)	39,856	49,564	45,771
Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm			
(dollars average)	1,449	7,252	7,090
Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	14,849	17,138	21,028
Beef cows	1,729	1,385	1,552
Milk cows	5,839	7,981	10,055
Hogs and pigs	608	887	721
Sheep and lambs	1,586	2,620	2,573
Layers 13 wks or/older	D	D	47,649
Broilers and chicken (sold)	247	279	684
Harvested commodities (acres)			
Corn, grain or seed	2,378	2,397	1,403
Corn, silage or green chop	6,463	7,614	8,282
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	N	N	N
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	N	N	N
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	N	N	N
Dry edible beans, excl limas	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	20	3	9
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	25,767	24,688	24,471
Vegetables			
Number of farms	88	84	59
Acreage	917	815	718

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Orchards			
Number of farms	45	59	43
Acreage	402	455	D

Abbreviations/footnotes:

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture